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Tight library budgets have been getting a lot of ink in the Montana press of late. Patron hours have been cut from 45.5 to 36 per week at the Miles City Public Library to shore up other parts of the budget, the Glasgow City County Library faces a potential $21,000 reduction in its local government appropriation, and a public discussion has begun in Lewistown about reinstituting user fees for out-of-town residents. The Lewistown library stopped charging a $10 fee to such patrons in 1979. Library staff estimates about 42 percent of users live outside of Lewistown.

Board members of the Hearst Free Library in Anaconda have chosen a campaign slogan for this fall's special mill levy. "Free Hearst First, Vote Yes on 195" was chosen from about 20 slogans submitted by library patrons. If approved by voters in November, the four-mill levy will raise about $36,000 for the library, which received a little more than half its normal budget this year because of a county commission vote in 1989 removing the library fund from the general fund.

No, that wasn't an optical illusion in last month's *Montana State Library News*. The front-page picture of the three new State Library Commission members was inadvertently reversed at the printers, switching the images of Lloyd Wallin and Michael Schulz and rendering the caption inaccurate. We apologize for any confusion.

Libraries wishing to apply for any type of grant administered by the State Library must have an approved collection management policy on file. In line with a new policy adopted at the Commission's June 20 meeting, no grant applications will be furnished by the State Library unless the State Library has verified that the requesting library has an approved collection management policy on file that: 1) meets the latest Commission-approved guidelines, and 2) has prior approval of the local library's governing body. The Library Development unit of the State Library handles grant applications.

Dates for the six regional pre-conferences leading up to the January 1991 Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services are: Golden Plains Federation, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, 1990, Cottonwood Inn, Glasgow; Sagebrush Federation, Friday, Sept. 21, 1990; South Central Federation, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, 1990, Billings; Tamarack Federation, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28, 1990, Missoula Public Library; Pathfinder Federation, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12, 1990, Great Falls Public Library, and, Broad Valleys Federation, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15, 1990, Lewis & Clark Public Library, Helena. Anyone who is concerned with library issues and/or information services is encouraged to attend. Four delegates and four alternates to the Governor's Conference will be chosen at each of these pre-conferences. For details on pre-conference arrangements, call conference coordinator Bob Cooper at 444-5350.

The Parmly Billings Library has a new director. Bill Cochran, currently assistant state librarian in Des Moines, IA, will officially become library director in Billings on October 1.

You are invited to attend the Northern Rockies Computer Expo scheduled for the Billings MetraPark on October 24-26. On Thursday, October 25, a special library day of workshops will address local area networks, automation systems and managing technology and change, among other topics. These workshops are designed to apply to small- and medium-sized libraries. Regional vendors will demonstrate their products and services on Friday, October 26. Co-sponsoring the Computer Expo are the State Library, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Montana Data Processing Association. A registration form and special invitation to the Computer Expo will be sent to all Montana libraries in September.

PLEASE RETURN

Residents of Teton and Chouteau counties won't get free service at the Great Falls Public Library anymore. Both counties have canceled their fiscal 1991 arrangements with the library. Unless the agreements are renegotiated, director Jim Heckel indicated the Great Falls library will have to find other revenue sources. Chouteau County was to pay $3,000 this fiscal year for 100 checkout cards, up from $625 last year, and Teton County paid $6,000 for 200 cards plus $12,000 for bookmobile services.

David Pauli, director of the Missoula Public Library, has been elected secretary of the Public Library Systems Section of the ALA's Public Library Association.

Banned Books Week will be September 22-29, and the American Library Association is selling kits designed to bring attention to First Amendment issues. The $20 kits contain four posters, a resource book with camera-ready art for promotional materials and lists of books considered "dangerous" or that have been challenged or banned in the U.S. in the past year. Send prepaid orders to: Banned Books Week, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL, 60611.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the ALA will award gift certificates for World Book Inc. products to the top three libraries reporting the highest percentage increases in library card holders. Entry deadline is October 15; for forms, call Cathy Siegner at the State Library, 444-5353.

The Montana Arts Council's third annual Cultural Congress will be held September 13-16 in Bozeman. The theme, "Working Together: Directions for the '90s," stresses cooperation in order to reach goals for the arts in Montana. Tentative speakers include John Frohnmayer, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, and U.S. Rep. Pat Williams. Contact the Montana Arts Council, 48 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, 50620, for more information.

The following meetings are scheduled for AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:

August	**21**	**Federation Coordinators, Glasgow**
	22	**State Library Commission, Glasgow**
September	**3**	**Labor Day Holiday**
	13	**Golden Plains Regional Pre-Conference, Glasgow**
	13-16	**Third Annual Cultural Congress, Bozeman**
	21	**Sagebrush Regional Pre-Conference**
	22	**MLA Continuing Education Committee, Missoula**
	22	**South Central Regional Pre-Conference, Billings**
	22-29	**Banned Books Week**
	26-29	**Wilson Symposium on the Future of Public Libraries, Omaha**
	28	**Tamarack Regional Pre-Conference, Missoula**

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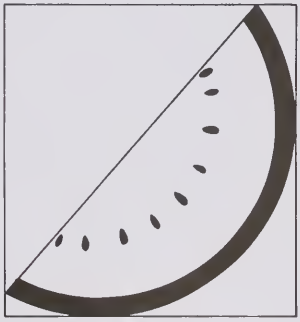

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